

"A reciprocity treaty with the United States would be of untold benefit to Newfoundland, for her fishermen are now complaining of poor markets. Only last week I read complaints in a St. John's paper that the fishermen were unable to sell their fish on account of the light demand, and that the exporters were offering low prices and obliging the men to take it in barter. This is in marked contrast with the United States trade there, as the latter pay cash in gold for whatever they buy. Notwithstanding the object of refusing to sell bait to the French fleet was to cripple them and drive them from the Spanish and Brazilian markets, the French are driving the Newfoundland fish from these markets,

and Mr. Bond's great anxiety to negotiate a treaty with us is caused by a desire to provide some outlet for the fish product of his colony."

Mr. Fred L. Davis said: "We do not want any change. We are well enough off as it is. It would be of no advantage to the fishing fleet if they had the free entry of Newfoundland ports. In fact, it would be a positive disadvantage. As it is now a fee of \$1.50 per ton is charged for shipping men or taking provisions there, and the license lasts through the season. This is not a heavy charge, but it is sufficient to keep the vessels who do not take out licenses from running into port on every pretext. When the crews think that a license costs from \$75 to \$150 or more, according to the size of the vessel, which will be just so much taken out of their share of the trip, they decide oftentimes not to go into port, when if they had free entry they would up anchor and run for the nearest Newfoundland port on every trifling reason.

"Lying in port is the greatest thing the fishing vessels have to contend with. The expenses of a fishing vessel are large and they are going on the same when the vessel is in port as when she is on the fishing grounds. And when a vessel gets into a harbor, especially in that section, away from the eyes of the owners, the men are likely to prolong their stay as long as they can find any reasonable excuse.

"One thing a reciprocity treaty would do," continued Mr. Davis, "and that is to kill the winter salt and frozen herring fishery. This branch of the fisheries has grown to large proportions, and a large number of vessels from Boston and other ports besides Gloucester are engaged in it. But if the fish were admitted free in foreign bottoms you would find every fisherman who could would buy a cheap soft wood vessel and run his own fish here himself, and if he could not raise money enough to get a vessel himself, a number of them would club together and get one. It would be the death knell of the herring fishery, if we had a treaty.

"As it is now, it is much better than if we had a treaty and allowed our vessels to go into their ports free. Vessels that have to go there are content to pay the fee demanded, and we think it is a fair equivalent, all things considered. There are less than fifty vessels who would be likely to go there if every skipper in the Bank fleet paid his license fee, and the amount compared with the more important interests of the fisheries which would be jeopardized, is too small for consideration."

"You can repeat with emphasis that Gloucester wants no so-called reciprocity treaty either with Newfoundland or Canada, because the advantages would be wholly on their side."

Thomas J. Carroll of Slade Gorton & Co. said: "I do not anticipate that in case a treaty should be negotiated admitting Newfoundland fish free of duty, the effect would be felt by Gloucester at once, but it would only be a question of time when the trade would feel the opposition. If a treaty could be negotiated allowing the green fish to be admitted free of duty, but shutting out cured fish, it would be a benefit to the fish cutters, but it would be a direct blow to the vessel owners, and the cutters are opposed to any such proposition, neither did they think it would be seriously considered by the Newfoundland government. The boneless fish producers were in full agreement with the vessel owners in opposing any treaty which would result in free fish of any kind being brought into the country.

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Torching for Herring.

Mr. Hugh G. Brown, Jr., for the past few weeks has been engaged in the herring torching industry, having chartered the naphtha launch of Sylvanus Smith, Jr., for that purpose.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Triton, Georges, 40,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 45,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Puritan, Georges, 55,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Thomas W. Knight, (Maine coast, 1000 lbs. fresh cod, 3500 lbs. haddock, 45,000 lbs. hake.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, via Boston, 30,000 fresh cod.
Sch. M. Madeleine, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh cod, 1000 lbs. haddock, 20,000 lbs. hake.
Sch. Mary Cabral, via Boston.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, via Boston.
Sch. Clara M. Littlefield, via Boston.
Sch. Harvard, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Tattler, Grand Bank, dory handlining.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: Large handline Georges cod, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.25; large trawl Georges, \$3.75; medium do., \$2.25; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$4.00; medium do., \$3.25; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$3.00; large dory handline cod, \$3.50; medium do., \$3.25.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward: large, \$2.12 1-2; medium, \$1.50; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, \$2.12 1-2; medium, \$1.50; snapper cod, fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; hake, \$1.25; pollock, 65 cts.

Outside sales of straight Georges cod, \$4.85 per cwt. for large and \$3.40 for medium.

Outside sales of bank cod, \$3.55 per cwt. for large and \$3.30 for medium.

Outside sales of shack salt cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$2.87 for medium.

Outside sales fresh cod, \$2.25 per cwt. for large and \$1.50 for medium.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.35 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Outside sale of fresh pollock, 65 cents per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Actor, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2300 pollock.

Sch. Dawson City, 5000 haddock, 6000 cod, 22,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Nickerson, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Ruth M. Martin, 11,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 9000 cusk, 300 pollock.

Sch. Charles W. Parker, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Philomena Manta, 3590 haddock, 5000 con, 6000 hake, 9000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3; large cod, \$3.00 market cod, \$2.00; hake, \$1.10 to \$1.75; pollock, \$1; cusk, \$1.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. J.B. Morris, Southwest Harbor for this port, arrived at Portland on Sunday.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, hence for Bay of Islands, arrived at Halifax yesterday.

Mackereling Items.

A dispatch from Halifax, dated yesterday, reports the following of the mackerel fleet there: schs. Priscilla Smith, 40 barrels of mackerel; Lottie G. Merchant, 70 barrels do.; Ralph L. Hall, 70 barrels do.; Constellation, 40 bbls. do.; Smuggler, 33 bbls. do.

Bucksport.

Nov. 8—Ar., sch. Elizabeth N., Grand Bank, 2200 qtls. cod.

Sch. F. M. Nicholson, Grand Bank, 2800 qtls.

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Sch. Mary E. Harty, Cape Shore, 20 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Cape Shore, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Latona, Cape Shore, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Frank Munroe, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, via Boston.
Sch. Clara R. Harwood, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sloop Beulah Maud, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sloop W. H. Clement, shore, 5400 lbs. pollock.
Sloop Helena, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Vera, via Boston.
Sch. J. P. Foster, Jr., of Provincetown, 700 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Joseph Warren, Ipswich Bay, 35,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Ida F. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Nellie G. Davis, Ipswich Bay, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Lucy E., Ipswich Bay, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Gracie E. Freeman, Ipswich Bay, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Arrow, Ipswich Bay, 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Oceanus, Ipswich Bay, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Seythia, Cape Shore, 120 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Georgie Willard, Ipswich Bay, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

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Late Cape Shore salt, mackerel, \$22 per bbl.

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Sch. Tecumseh, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Allen H. Jones, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 3500 haddock, 1600 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. John M. Keen, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 5000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Rienzi, 4000 haddock, 5500 cod, 4000 hake, 700 pollock.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 400 haddock, 300 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Meteor, 15,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$5; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50.